



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I INTERPRETATIONS COMMITTEE
MAY 20, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- a. **Recommendation.** That the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee archive the official interpretation [Reference: 4/16/14, Item No. 10-b] and issue the following official interpretation:

Title: Determination of a Scholastic Team

Date Issued: June XX, 2020

Date Published: June XX, 2020

Item Ref:

The Legislative Committee determined that a team of prospective student-athletes is scholastic if:

- a. Its secondary institution has an NCAA Eligibility Center status of "cleared" or "extended evaluation"; or
- b. It is identified on the NCAA Eligibility Center website as having a formal affiliation with a secondary institution that has an NCAA Eligibility Center status of "cleared" or "extended evaluation".

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.7.3.1 (evaluations during contact periods – women's lacrosse), 13.1.7.4 (football evaluations), 13.1.7.4.5 (scholastic and nonscholastic activities -- bowl subdivision football) 13.1.7.5 (men's basketball evaluations), 13.1.7.5.1 (academic year recruiting periods), 13.1.7.6 (women's basketball evaluations), 13.1.7.6.1 (evaluation periods other than July), 13.1.7.6.5 (events not subject to certification program), 13.11.1.8 (nonscholastic practice or competition – men's basketball), 13.11.1.9 (nonscholastic practice or competition – women's basketball), 13.11.1.10 (nonscholastic practice or competition -- bowl subdivision football) and an official interpretation (4/16/14, Item No. 10-b) which has been archived]

Rationale. During its January 2020 meeting, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee confirmed the current distinction between scholastic and nonscholastic recruiting periods should be maintained based on the Commission on College Basketball recommendations and longstanding

membership concerns regarding harmful third-party influences in the men's basketball recruiting environment. In response to membership confusion and challenges related to applying the current scholastic team interpretation, the recommended interpretation provides clearer direction and enables the membership to more easily determine whether or not a team of prospective student-athletes is a scholastic team. Finally, the recommended interpretation applies to all sports, providing a consistent approach for the membership when applying the scholastic team legislation and when determining whether or not a coaching staff member is permitted to evaluate a team of prospective student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of educational column.** The Interpretations Committee reviewed and approved an educational column (determination of a scholastic team) regarding determination of a scholastic team. The educational column will be published provided the NCAA Division I Legislative Council approves the determination of scholastic team official interpretation.
2. **Review of staff interpretation.** The Interpretations Committee reviewed a staff interpretation (athletics staff member involvement in athletics fundraising for high school attended by family member (I)) and agreed to publish an official interpretation. The committee agreed to finalize the official interpretation on a future call. The committee agreed that the interpretation will be clear that it applies to a high school the athletics staff member attended and to a high school that a family member of the athletics staff member currently attends. Further, that the interpretation does not permit an athletics department staff member to fundraise for a high school where a family member of the athletics staff member is employed.

Committee Chair: Gregory Walter, Missouri Valley Conference

*Staff Liaisons: Andy Louthain, Academic and Membership Affairs
Kris Richardson, Academic and Membership Affairs*

NCAA Division I Interpretations Committee May 20, 2020, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference.	
Lori Hammond, University of Texas at Austin.	
Rob Heuer, Southern Methodist University.	
Michele Osborne, Florida State University.	
Erik Price, Pac-12 Conference.	
Thomas Samuel, Southland Conference.	
Shannon Strahl, Gonzaga University.	
Erlease Wagner, Morgan State University.	
Gregory Walter, Missouri Valley Conference.	
Absentees:	
Syed Moinuddin, Northern Arizona University.	
Jo Potuto, University of Nebraska.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Andy Louthain and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Mark Hicks, PJ Hubert, Khadian Kelly, Charnele Kemper, Abbie Markey, Jeremy McCool, Christa Palmer, Alex Smith and Jared Tidemann.	